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SURVEY TO ASSESS REASONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any study/survey to assess the reasons of unemployment in the country including hilly areas; and

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Reliable estimates on various characteristics pertaining to employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. But this survey does not provide any information to assess reasons of unemployment in the country. However, the survey provides information at the national level about the reasons of loss of employment for those who were ever employed. Details are given below:

Per 1000 distribution of unemployed (15-59 yrs.) who ever worked by reason for break in employment

All-India

Reason for break in employment	Rural	Urban	
Loss of earlier job	35	13	121 34
Quit earlier job	43	54	160 232
Lay-off without pay	9	2	17 29
Unit closed	27	8	90 52
Lack of work in the enterprise	189	116	149 114
Lack of work in the area	519	676	239 241
Others	173	132	223 298
All (including n.r.#)	1000	1000	1000 1000

n.r = not reported